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1. A RECENT REASSESSMENT OF DOD'S ABILITY TO EQUIP MILITARY AIRCRAFT WITH OMEGA RECEIVERS AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE PRESENTLY INSTALLED LORAN-A RECEIVERS REQUIRES A REVISION OF THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 1974 FOR TERMINATION OF THE U.S. MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR LORAN-A SERVICE. IT HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED THAT DEVELOPMENT, PROCUREMENT, AND INSTALLATION OF A SATISFACTORY AIRBORNE RECEIVER WILL REQUIRE AN EXTENSION OF THE U.S. MILITARY NEED FOR LORAN-A SERVICE; THEREFORE, THE DOD IS CONSIDERING AN EXTENSION OF THE MILITARY NEED FOR LORAN-A SERVICE, (INCLUDING THE NATO AND ICAO STATIONS) TO DECEMBER 31, 1977, AND POSSIBLY JUNE 30, 1978. YOU WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS THIS DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

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2. UPON RESOLUTION OF THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT, U.S.

CIVILIAN REQUIREMENTS WILL BE REVISED AND A COORDINATED
U.S. POSITION ESTABLISHED. KISSINGER

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